

# Butler ends Trojan's season

Butler County ended Colby Community College's hope for a trip to the national junior college baseball tournament.

Meeting for the second time in the tournament, Butler County defeated Colby 5-0 Wednesday for the Region VI championship. Statistics were not available.

It was the second time in as many games Butler County defeated Colby. Butler County beat the Trojans 10-9 Tuesday. The Region VI tournament is a two-loss elimination format. Butler County never lost in the tournament.

Colby defeated Barton County 7-3, Neosho County 15-14 and the two losses to Butler County.

The national tournament begins May 25 in Grand Junction, Colo.

## Sports Briefs

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Texans general manager Charley Casserly resigned, saying he was leaving on his own terms to pursue a job in the NFL's front office.

There was speculation Casserly would be fired in the wake of the Texans' 2-14 season and their controversial choice for the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

The Texans passed over Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush and hometown favorite Vince Young to take defensive end Mario Williams with the top choice in last month's draft.

Many fans were outraged, but Texans owner Bob McNair said Casserly was never going to be fired. Casserly will officially step down June 1.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans and Miami swapped young linebackers in a trade that sent Courtney Watson to the Dolphins and Eddie Moore to the Saints.

PRO BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has been fined \$200,000 for his two recent episodes of referee-bashing.

Half of the punishment was for going on the court Sunday to complain during the Mavericks' 87-85 loss to the San Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of their second-round series.

The rest was for some critical comments made in a blog entry he posted Sunday under the title, "How to improve NBA Playoff Officiating."

Cuban was punished eight times for more than \$1 million and suspended from three games in his first two years after buying the Mavericks in 2000.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — New Orleans guard Chris Paul won the NBA's Rookie of the Year award after helping the Hornets double their win total in a season where they were forced out of their home city because of Hurricane Katrina.

Paul was a runaway choice for the award, receiving all but one of the 125 first-place votes from a panel of media members from across the United States and Canada. Utah guard Deron Williams received the only other first-place vote.

It was the largest margin of victory since San Antonio's David Robinson was a unanimous choice in 1990.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Pacers president Larry Bird said the team's players will shape up or play elsewhere next season.

The Pacers entered this season with championship aspirations, but they traded an unhappy Ron Artest and dealt with numerous injuries on their way to a 41-41 record and a first-round playoff exit.

Bird said he likes the Pacers' talent and doesn't plan to make major changes this summer. But he made it clear he's done dealing with bad attitudes, selfishness and laziness.

Bird said he expects to build around Jermaine O'Neal, despite trade rumors.

HOCKEY

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Flyers center Peter Forsberg needs surgery to repair ligament problems in both of his ankles, injuries that will force him to miss the start of the season.



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Colby High School Eagle David Kinderknecht kept his eye on the ball during a recent tennis match. Colby's next match will be the regional tournament May 15.

# Colby hosts regional baseball

Colby High's baseball and softball teams begin regional play Monday.

## Softball

Colby, 12-5, will play Ulysses, 8-14, 5 p.m. Monday in Colby. The winner of that game plays the winner of Goodland vs. Pratt, also played Monday. The second round game will be 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.

On the other side of the bracket, Thomas More Prep plays Scott City and Larned plays Hugoton. Winners of those game place 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Regional championship is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

## Baseball

Colby hosts the regional tournament.

Colby plays Larned 5 p.m. Monday in Colby. The winner plays the winner of Russell vs. Hugoton. Winners of those games play 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Colby.

The other half of the bracket has Goodland playing at Scott City Monday. Thomas More Prep plays at Ulysses Monday. Those winners play 2 p.m. Wednesday in Colby.

Regional championship is 7 p.m. Wednesday in Colby.

# Royals top Indians

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — This is about as balanced as an offense can be.

Every Kansas City Royals starter had one RBI except Kerry Robinson, and he had two in a 10-8 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday that gave the suddenly revitalized Royals a three-game sweep and a burst of confidence.

Aaron Guiel hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning, and Angel Berroa added a home run of his own for the Royals, who have won five of seven after a 5-20 start.

"Guys just seemed to be fighting all the time, having good at-bats," said Guiel, who homered for the second time in two games. "It seems like we don't have to wait for somebody to get something going."

Kansas City reached double digits in runs in consecutive games for the first time since June 2004, when they won three straight games by 10-4, beating Atlanta twice and Philadelphia once. They hadn't swept the Indians at home since a three-game series from May 9-12, 2002.

"Hitting's very contagious," Doug Mientkiewicz said. "Everybody's swinging the bats a lot better than we were. Guys in general feel much better at the plate as a whole than we did a couple of

weeks ago."

Guieu and Berroa connected off Guillermo Mota (0-2) after the Indians had scored three in the eighth to tie it at 8.

"I lost the game," Mota said.

Jake Westbrook, who entered with a 4-2 record and 1.65 ERA against the Royals, gave up eight runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

"Our offense is swinging the bats too good to be losing a game like that, and it's all my fault," Westbrook said. "I might have got a no-decision, but I lost this game for us."

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# Healy-Leoti can't keep up with Colby

Colby Eagles baseball team had its way Monday at Healy-Leoti.

Colby won both games of a doubleheader because of the run rule.

The Eagles won game one 21-2. Colby scored 11 runs in the second inning.

Brett Wilson had three of the Eagles' 12 hits. He was 3-3 with four RBIs. Mitchell Gatz also had four RBIs from 2-4 at the plate. Jeremy Dietz, Joe Heier also had two hits.

Kevin Lang, Heier, Heath Bieker and Cory Sanger each had two

RBIs. Colby drew 12 walks.

Dietz pitched the win for Colby. He gave up three hits and two earned runs.

Game two lasted five innings before Colby won 19-2.

Gatz had three RBIs in his one hit. Wilson, Trent Powell and Heier each had two hits and two RBIs. Colby drew 10 walks.

Powell picked up the win for Colby. He allowed five hits, two earned runs and struck out six.

Colby finishes the regular season 4 p.m. today vs. Thomas More Prep in Colby.

# Pujols leads with homers

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols' first at-bat Wednesday was much like his final trip to the plate the previous night — another home run against the Colorado Rockies.

Pujols hit his major league-leading 18th homer and Jeff Suppan won his fourth straight start, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-4 victory.

"He just keeps piling on the examples," manager Tony La Russa said. "That's what's so great about

Albert, he does that and he just turns the page. That's Stan Musial stuff."

Juan Encarnacion also homered for the Cardinals, who took two of three from the NL West leaders and have won five of six overall.

Pujols, who hit a go-ahead, three-run homer on Tuesday, followed John Rodriguez's first-inning single with a drive to left off Byung-Hyun Kim (1-1). Pujols also leads the majors with 43 RBIs and the NL with 35 runs scored.

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## ~ League Bowling Results ~

May 2 - Early Bird Ladies League				May 5 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Jean's Rollers	38.5	21.5	1	Classic Trojans	22	10	1
www.strike	35	25	2	Hurt Enterprises	22	10	2
4 4 Fun	31.5	28.5	3	Colby Bowl	22	10	3
NW Vacuum	31	29	4	Cal Williams	15	17	4
Bowlerettes	25	35	5	Comfort Inn	13	19	5
Van's Merry Four	19	41	6	KNEA/S.P.	12	20	6
First high Individual game: Rosie Stover, 213				Satan Haters	9	23	7
First high Individual series: Rosie Stover, 530				First high Individual game: Alberta Cameron, 208			
				First high Individual series: Connie Menges, 512			

May 8 - First Nighters League				April 23 - King & Queen			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Frontier Equity	209	127	1	Barton - Kreutzer	42	22	1
Montana Mikes	190	146	2	Brewer - Schwanke	41	23	2
Grinnell Furniture	180	156	3	Phillips - Finlay	38	26	3
XStrikers	173	163	4	Sturdy - Branum	37	27	4
Schlick Construction	170	166	5	Moeder - Lee	31	33	5
Colby Implement	168	162	6	Kern - Wark	27	37	6
Discount Repair of Oakley	160	176	7	Schissler - Koehn	20	44	7
C.C.C. Boys	152	184	8	Rondeau - Johnson	20	44	8
Warrior Hunting Supply	152	184	9	Men's First high Individual game: Ken Brewer, 234			
Woofter Well & Pump	124	212	10	Men's First high Individual series: Ken Brewer, 650			
First high Men Individual game: Ron Owings, 257				Women's First high Individual game: Misty Finlay, 199			
First high Men Individual series: Ron Owings, 690				Women's First high Individual series: Misty Finlay, 544			
First high Women Individual game: Kelly Lee, 214							
First high Women Individual series: Kelly Lee, 557							

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